Penn State Big Heads Round Robin Report
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Below are some of the strategic initiatives that the Libraries' are working on and with which Technical Services faculty and staff have been involved.

- Cataloging Services is changing its name to Cataloging and Metadata Services to more accurately reflect its growing responsibility to provide metadata in support of the Libraries' digital collections.

- We are recruiting for a Metadata librarian. The position description is posted at: http://www.libraries.psu.edu/humanresources/jobs/default.html

- Penn State Libraries' application to the OCLC Enhance Program for the books format was approved this year. Beginning last fall, a group of original catalogers from the Monographs and the Special Collections Cataloging Teams reviewed all the documentation, established an internal review procedure, upgraded and submitted the initial records for graded review in September. Approval of our Enhance application in the Books format came in October 2005. Having subsequently passed the post acceptance review this spring, Penn State is now able to upgrade book records in OCLC.

- We are testing the conversion of our Sirsi Unicorn online catalog to Unicode in July with an anticipated conversion of our production catalog in December, 2006.

- We are expanding our use of Promptcat and shelf ready services.

- We continue to examine different budget models and analyze our Collections Budget.

- We are implementing a Content Management System at University Libraries.

- We have several DPUBS initiatives in process with Cornell and with the CIC.

- Beginning May 15th, the Information Technology Department within the Libraries' began reporting to the Asst. Dean for Technical and Collection Services (me) and we are working through this transition.